

NAZI-BRITISH PLANE BATTLE

25 Killed When Texas Train Hits Truck



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Twenty-five Mexican citrus fruit pickers were killed and 17 injured near McAllen, Texas, when a passenger train splintered a truck taking them to orchards in the lower Rio Grande valley. Shown above is a Catholic priest, center, offering last ministrations to the dying after the crash. Bodies are scattered along the tracks. The rain may be seen in the back ground, two blocks away.

Road Situation in State Talked

Arkansas Delegation Seeking Funds for Improvements

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Senator Miller and all Arkansas members of the house assured the house roads committee that legislation permitting Arkansas to receive federal aid road money in 1942 and 1943 without matching was essential if the state was to have any new road construction in those years.

All gasoline tax and other revenue attributable to highway travel was pledged to payment of principal and interest of the state's \$138,000,000 highway bonded indebtedness, they said, except approximately 25 per cent allowed under a 1934 refunding act for maintenance of existing roads.

Director W. W. Mitchell and Chief Engineer W. W. Zass of the state highway department, told the committee the 1934 act was virtually dictated by holders of the bonds.

The legislation (H.R. 7891) sought by the Arkansas delegation would be an amendment to the federal highway authorization bill for the fiscal years 1942 and 1943.

In answer to suggestions by Representatives Whittington (D-Miss.) and Mott (R-Ore) that the state might be able to match government funds by raising the gasoline tax from 6 1/2 to 7 cents a gallon, the Arkansas congressman said that under the 1934 act even additional revenue from such a source would be applied to the bonded debt.

Representatives Mills and Ellis said Arkansas pioneered in the building of highways for the growing motor travel back in the days before the government offered any aid and that the outstanding debt included about \$70,000,000 in old road district bonds later assumed by the state when the districts could not pay them.

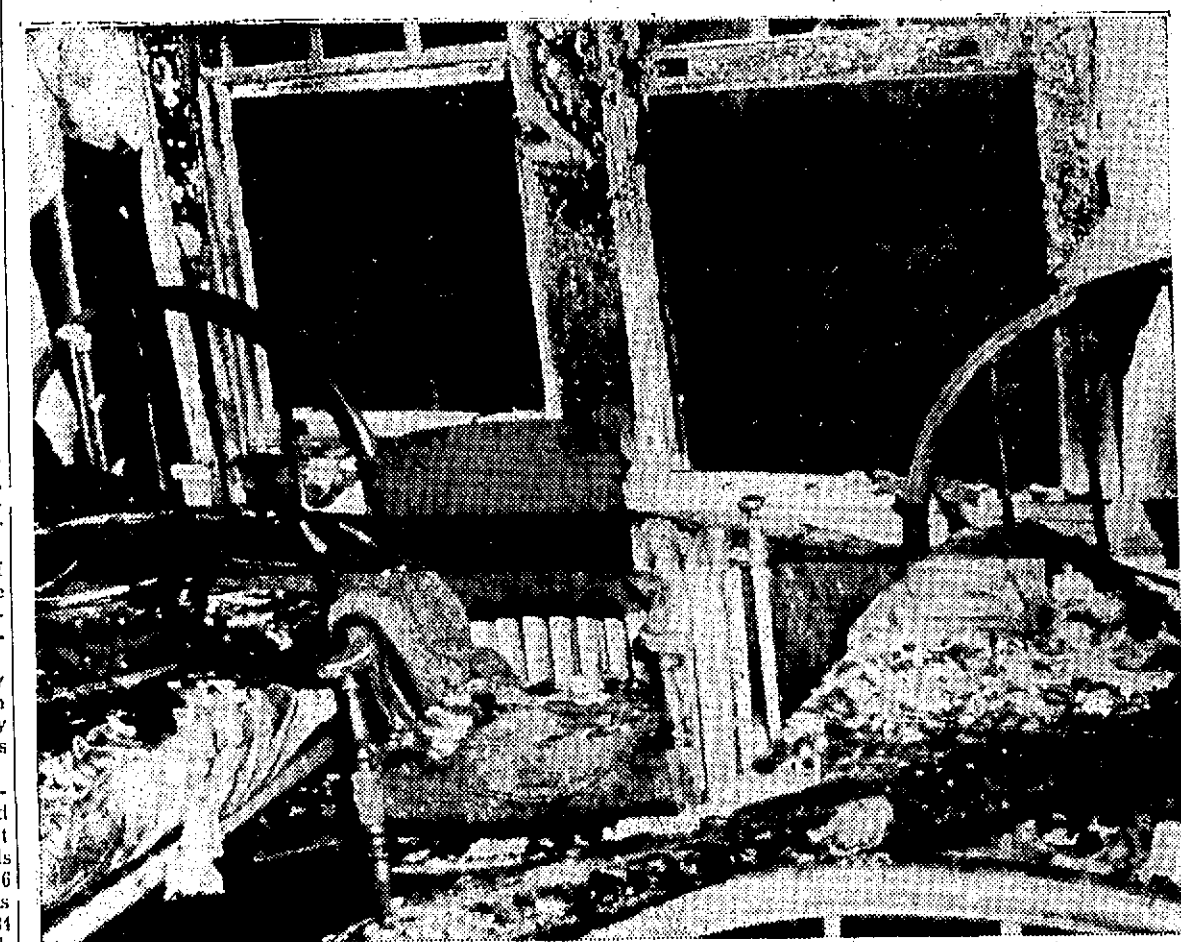
"In our present situation," Mitchell said, "we are using toll bridge credits (a reward from the government for freeing bridges of tolls) to avail ourselves of federal aid by matching these credits against government contributions. However, these credits will be exhausted during 1942. We have no hope for further construction unless this amendment is passed."

The amendment would permit any state now applying for its motor vehicle and fuel revenue to road maintenance and road debt service to receive its allotment of federal funds without having to put up a similar amount.

Roosevelt Reported Ill Because of Cold

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Roosevelt had a slight temperature Saturday because of a cold, but his condition was said to have been better than Friday. His temperature is reported to be 99.8 degrees.

Six Perish In Carolina Hotel Fire



NEA Service Telephoto

Fire caused by a boiler explosion in the basement swept through a three-story apartment hotel in downtown Charlotte, N. C. killing six persons and injuring a dozen others. Shown above are the twin beds where two women burned to death.

2 Stills Seized, Negro Arrested

Middlebrooks Leads Raid in Red Lake Sec- tion, Fulton

Deputy Sheriff Tom Middlebrooks Saturday announced the capture of two whisky stills in the Red Lake area south of Fulton, and the arrest of Willie Carrigan, 40-year-old negro.

Middlebrooks said Carrigan was arrested at the scene of one of the stills which was "fired up" and ready for operation. The still, an iron, barrel-type, and three barrels of mash were destroyed. No whisky had been run off.

About a quarter of a mile away, officers destroyed a second still which was not in operation. Assisting Middlebrooks were Porterfield and Humble, of the state police force. Carrigan is held in the county jail at Washington.

Japan Strikes Blow at U. S. Trade Hopes

BUENOS AIRES —(AP)—Japan and Argentina Friday night effected a commercial agreement which struck a severe blow at United States hopes of re-entering the rich Argentine market on a scale large enough to supplant European nations.

An exchange of notes opened the way for the entry of Japanese textiles and manufactured products into the Argentine market. The agreement covered by the notes provides for Japan to purchase 30,000,000 yen (about \$5,900,000) in Argentine raw materials in 1940—three times the total of 1939.

In return, Argentina agreed to regulate the granting of import permits in order to admit Japanese cotton textiles, chemicals, heavy industrial machinery and other manufactured goods.

RUSH CENTER, Kans.—(AP)—Mrs. L. D. Scandrett thinks Rush Center must be the "dinosaur capital" of Kansas—if not the whole U. S. A. By actual count, she says, 23 of the 220 persons who live here are widows.

Rural Housing in State Is Planned

\$565,000 for Lonoke County Given Approval

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Arkansas was one of six states authorized by President Roosevelt to borrow \$5,222,000 from the United States Housing Authority to finance 1,300 new farm houses.

The Arkansas share of \$565,000 will be spent in Lonoke county.

Other states to share in the first allotment under the new rural housing venture are Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. The Arkansas project calls for construction of 300 modern farm homes to replace shacks occupied by families of low income. Annual rentals will be less than \$50.

Under the USHA plan, county houses

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Investigation in Fatal Train Crash at McAllen Begun

Interstate Commerce Inspectors at Scene of Wreck

FUNERAL PLANNED

Mass Memorial Ser- vices Are Set for Sunday

McALLEN, Texas —(AP)—Two inspectors of the Interstate Commerce Commission have started a new investigation into the truck-train crash which took 25 lives and injured 14 other persons.

Inspectors Guy McClure and P. G. Bailey took statements from many witnesses and said their report would be sent to Washington.

Meanwhile, Memorial services were being planned for the victims Sunday in a city park at Alamo, Texas. All the victims were humble Mexican workers in the vegetable and fruit trade. A Missouri-Pacific passenger train, traveling 45 miles an hour, crashed broadside into the truck, loaded with 42 persons.

The Rev. M. C. Ehler, Baptist missionary among the Rio Grande Valley's Latin-Americans, said Memorial services would be inter-denominational. Mr. Ehler said several ministers of Latin-American churches decided to ask public contributions for a monument to the victims.

"This is the least we can do for them and at the same time will impress Valley people that a horrible calamity can happen here," he said.

Witnesses before the ICC investigators included Mayor William Clough, Jr. of Alamo and City Commissioners Frank Denzer and Arthur Drefke, and Arthur Drefke, and Deputy Sheriff George Ingram of Pharr, one of the first to reach the scene.

Previously state officials and the Missouri-Pacific investigated the crash.

Tax Equalization Is Explained by Governor Bailey

New Taxation Form to Hike Revenues, Is Belief

PROTESTS CEASE

Optional Now Whether Assessor Obtains Income Report

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —(AP)—Governor Carl E. Bailey Saturday described the objective of his administration's Ad Valorem Tax Equalization program as "a test to determine whether local units of government can continue to rely upon this form of taxation for support."

At the same time, the corporation commission asserted that protests to it of a new form for assessment of business personal property had ceased with the issuance of an order making optional with county assessors whether the taxpayer should be required to list records of his income for the preceding five years.

The Ad Valorem Tax is the major dependence of local units of government—cities, counties and school districts," said Governor Bailey. "With declining assessments many of these units are confronted with the necessity of lifting themselves by their bootstraps financially."

Test and Survey

"The primary purpose of the equalization program is to test and survey the situation to determine whether we can hope that these local units can depend upon Ad Valorem Taxes in the future. If the facts developed show that they can't, the people will be in a position to say whether they wish to demand other sources of revenue."

Criticism of the new tax form prepared by the corporation commission for assessors was widely voiced for several weeks prior to the decision to leave the decision on income data up to the assessors. Business men complained that the information might fall into the hands of competitors.

In hearing the protests, Commissioner John F. Wells devised several groups that the income information and balance sheet data requested would provide a guide for determining the "true market value of business property."

The form originally required the owner of a business when assessing to present a detailed balance sheet and a report of his five-year net income. The balance sheet still is required. Insisting that the information was sought solely to aid in equalizing assessments, the commission in revising the order March 7 said that a "misunderstanding of the purpose has developed in some quarters."

May Waive Report

Under the revised order, the assessor may waive the income report if he is satisfied from his examination of the balance sheet that he has "adequate information of which to base an assessment equalized so that it bears the proper relation to the assessments of other property within the county."

The commission stipulated, however, that the assessor had full authority to insist on an income report if he was of the opinion that without it "The assessment may not be equalized in compliance with law."

Wells cited numerous examples which he said showed that one business in a county would be assessed at 10 per cent of its real value while another across the street would be assessed at 30 or 40 per cent.

"If the assessor does not require the data asked on the form and unequal assessments result, the matter can be reviewed by the County Board of Equalization when it meets in August," Wells said. "The board could require the person who was assessed to provide the data originally requested."

To Review Assessments

Action of the County Equalization Boards will be subject to review by the Corporation Commission when it meets in November as the State Board of Equalization.

Commenting on the balance sheet—in come report request, the commission said the market or actual value of a business concern was the value computed by statute for tax purposes.

"Therefore," the commission's statement continued, "it is not only the privilege but the duty of the Assessing Officials, in appraising this type of property, to use and consider those evidences of value that would be used and considered by any prudent and informed business man who was thinking of buying the business."

The balance sheet under "assets" asks a listing of: Land, Buildings on land owned, buildings on leased land, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, motor vehicles, inventories; investments in U. S. obligations, stocks of Arkansas corporations, stocks of public utilities with property in the state, textile mills located in Arkansas since Jan. 1, 1933, and all other securities; livestock, mat-

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Ireland Appeals for Moral Support

DUBLIN, Ireland —(AP)—Prime Minister Eamon DeValera appealed to Americans Saturday for "active moral support" in efforts to end the "disfranchisement of Ireland," and to extend freedom enjoyed by Ireland to the "whole national territory."

He referred to the long campaign of the Southern Ireland government to incorporate six northern Ireland counties which remain a part of the United Kingdom.

Funeral On Sunday for Westmoreland

Prescott Business Man Found Dead Near Warren

PRESCOTT, Ark. — Arthur M. Westmoreland, 55, of this city, was found dead in his automobile Thursday near Warren. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Westmoreland was a traveling salesman for 555, Inc., Little Rock. He formerly was in the hardware business here, and was a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist church and an alderman for 10 years. He was a mason and a Shriner.

Mr. Westmoreland is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Williamson, of New York city, a brother, D. B. Westmoreland, of Little Rock, and hosts of relatives and friends.

Russo-Japanese Clash On Border

Two Japs Wounded Dozen Russians Are Killed

TOYOHARA, Karafuto Island, Japan —(AP)— Soviet troops were reported to have sustained more than a dozen casualties in a clash between Russian and Japanese border patrols near the Saghalien-Karafuto boundary.

Two Japanese were reported wounded.

The Japanese said the Soviet patrol opened fire without warning when the two patrols met.

The island of Karafuto (or Saghalien) was occupied by Japanese forces during the Russo-Japanese war in August, 1905, and the acquisition by Japan of that part of the island south of the fiftieth parallel was confirmed by the treaty of Portsmouth, concluded between Japan and Russia in October of the same year.

WPA Rolls Will Be Sliced Next Month

Discontinuance of Projects to Begin Shortly

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The WPA announced that the quota of project work would be reduced 228,000 in April. Col. F. C. Harrington, commissioner of work projects, said the authorized employment for April would be 2,120,000 compared with 2,348,000 this month. Actual employment as of March 6 was 2,323,000.

Harrington's announcement was looked upon as a step toward reduction of WPA rolls to about 1,500,000 by the end of the fiscal year on June 30. By such a reduction WPA officials said, the agency could operate within the \$1,477,000,000 appropriation Congress supplied for the current fiscal year.

Harrington advised state administrators the reduction could be accomplished by:

Pacing employment on projects on which such reductions would not "seriously affect efficient operation."

Discontinuance of least desirable projects now in operation at the completion of work on useful units.

Discontinuance of projects "on which federal man-month non-labor costs are unusually high due to insufficient financial participation of sponsor" and on other projects in which the sponsor participation is "unreasonably low."

Possible discontinuance of projects operated on such a small scale that "excessive administrative and supervisory cost result."

Discontinuance of projects on which excessive transportation costs are paid from federal funds to get workers to and from their jobs.

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German Bomber Attacks, Escapes After Air Battle

Two German Subma- rines Sunk, Is French Claim

FORTIFY BORDERS

Finns Not to Demobi- lize Army Despite Peace Agreement

LONDON, England —(AP)—British and German air forces exchanged raids within the past 24 hours, the Air Ministry announced Saturday, with the British making an "extensive" flight over Poland.

A German bomber was encountered and engaged with British planes in a running fight.

"During the running fight in which the enemy repeatedly attacked, damage was seen to have been inflicted, the communicable said.

"The enemy aircraft finally escaped in the clouds."

2 Nazi Subs Sunk

PARIS, France —(AP)—French naval sources said Saturday they had received reports of the sinking of two German submarines.

One was bagged by an armed British trawler. The reports did not specify where the action occurred or whether the sinkings had been reported previously.

Fortify Frontiers

HELSINKI —(AP)—Finland began immediately to fortify her newly-narrowed frontiers and reorganized her battered army despite the non-aggression clause in the peace treaty with Russia, informed sources said Saturday.

There will be no general demobilization of the army except in certain classes which will be released to help civil reconstruction work, these sources said.

Protest to Russia

TOKYO, Japan —(AP)—The government sent a written protest to Soviet Russian officials Saturday, asserting that Russian patrols fired illegally on a Japanese patrol at the border of the Sakhalin Island, the ownership of which is divided between Russia and Japan.

By the Associated Press

Finland's weary and saddened diet (parliament) officially wrote the final chapter in the war with Russia Friday night, ratifying by a vote of 145 to 3 the peace treaty which gave the Soviet Union huge chunks of Finland's best agricultural and industrial areas.

Elsewhere, official Rumanian sources disclosed that King Carol had turned down a German scheme to have his country's borders guaranteed by Russia and Hungary in return for larger quantities of Rumanian raw materials; Premier Daladier weathered a critical storm in the French senate, winning a 240 to 0 vote of confidence, and United States Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles arrived in Rome for a final series of conferences before sailing Tuesday for the United States.

Her stricken army sloshed wearily through the snow in a four-mile retreat along a jagged 225-mile front, as it must do each day until the entire Karelian isthmus and the ceded areas north of Lake Ladoga are cleared of Finnish troops.

"Our country, like the whole of Europe—indeed, the whole of western civilization—is in the greatest danger," Prime Minister Risto Rytty told the parliament in a calm recital which preceded the vote. "No one can say what tomorrow will bring."

"In the same way as we waged war alone, in the same way we concluded peace alone. Only the future can show whether we acted rightly and wisely."

Explaining why Finland agreed to peace at Russia's price, Rytty told the parliament that the little republic was fighting alone except for "merely a few reinforced battalions, mostly from Sweden."

Reject Nazi Plan

BUCHAREST —(AP)—King Carol II was said to have balked at Nazi Germany's scheme to pledge Russia and Hungary to long guarantees of Rumania's frontiers in return for an unrestricted flow of Rumanian raw materials. The king was adamant in refusal to grant one of Germany's conditions—that a member of the pro-

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COTTON

NEW YORK —(AP)— Cotton for July opened Saturday at 10.33 and closed at 10.29. Middling spot closed at 10.77, off 13 points.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Sid Henry

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Early Flowers

Bright Forsy this
joy of spring,
The murky clouds
they floods do fling.
Your yellow sunshine
glads our eye,
And proves to us
that spring is nigh.

Mrs. R. A. Boyett

St. Patrick's Day—March 17

The day of the patron saint of Ireland, it has been said that there were no Christians in Ireland when Saint Patrick began his work and no pagans when he died; this is not strictly true, but he did much to establish Christianity firmly in the island, building churches and monasteries and converting the people. Many legends grew up in Ireland about Saint Patrick, such as the story of how he coiled the snakes of Ireland to fling themselves into the sea; and the story that when some convert questioned the doctrine of the Trinity, Saint Patrick ended the argument by holding up a shamrock leaf as an example of "three in one," and the shamrock remains to this day the emblem of Ireland, proudly worn by Irishmen the world over on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. Large shipments of shamrocks are brought to the United States for Saint Patrick's Day use.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet at 2:30 Monday afternoon as follows: Circle No. 2 at the home of Mrs. Joe Wade, North Pine street; Circle No. 3 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Walker, East Second street; Circle No. 4 at the home of Mrs. W. C. Andres, South Banner street; Circle No. 5 at the home of Mrs. Hugh Jones, South Main; Circle No. 6 at the home of Mrs. Sankey Calicut, South Elm street; Circle No. 7, at the home of Mrs. Harold Porterfield 203 East Avenue B.

Mrs. Eugene White, Mrs. L. M. Lile, Miss Jean Luster and Miss Mary Ann Lile and Miss Martha White left Saturday for the Natchez Pilgrimage. They will return via Jackson, Miss., where they will visit Red Haven college.

Mrs. W. G. Ollison has returned from a ten day's visit with relatives and friends in Little Rock.

Mrs. Robert F. Tucker and little son Bobby have returned to their home in Shreveport, La. after a two week's visit with Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Webb.

The Junior-Senior high P. T. A. met Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the school. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. E. A. Morsani, with the following poem:

You say you've struck a heap o' trouble,
Dust in business—lost your wife?
No one cures a cent about you,
You don't care a cent for life?
Hard luck has of hope heretofore,
Health is failing, wish'd you'd die?

Why you're still the sunshine left you,
And the big blue sky,
Sky so blue it makes you wonder if
its heaven smiling through,
Earth so smilin' way out yonder, Son
so bright it dazzles you,
Birds a singing—flowers a fling
all

Their fragrance to the breeze,
Dancing shadows—green still meadows
Don't you mope, yo still have these.

These and none can take them from
you,
These and none can mar their worth,
What, you're tired—broke—and beat-
en,

PASSENGER ATTACKS PILOT



NEA Service Telephone

While cruising over New York City, Pilot Joseph Rosenmarin said he was attacked by a passenger. Rosenmarin kept the plane under control while struggling until it plunged into the bay south of the Statue of Liberty. The attacker, Emanuel Eisenberg, a press agent, was killed in the crash. Shown above is an air view of the wrecked plane and Rosenmarin, luset.

Poor Gabby--Way Things" Look, Cubs Choice for Second Division



Dominic Dallessandro



Bill Lee



Billy Herman

By JERRY BRONFIELD
NEA Service Sports Writer

The Chicago Cubs have insufficient pitching and are without the power to offset their lack of speed. That in a nutshell is the doleful picture on Catalina Island.

The only Bruins who get over the ground with any great degree of haste are Outfielder Augie Galan and Stan Hack, finest third sacker in the National League who is now convalescing at his Sacramento home.

The Cubs also are weak at short-stop and all things considered we would say the club will be fortunate to better its fourth position of 1939. Gabby Hartnett, who insists he will catch 90 games, has three pitching stand-bys—Bill Lee, Claude Passeau and the veteran southpaw, Larry French.

Things would be brighter if some magician could pull a new right arm out of the hat for Clay Bryant, stand-out of 1938.

Bonetti and Olsen Look Good as It looks

When Dizzy Dean finally accepts that cut, he hardly can be expected to have much more than pitching knowledge and courage. Old Charley Root is back and Vance Page and his curve may be of some help.

Hartnett's big pitching hopes among the recruits are Julio Bonetti, who copped 20 games for Los Angeles last year, and Vern Olsen a left-hander who appeared to be a corner in finishing with the Wrigley Fielders after bagging 18 contests for Tulsa.

Hartnett also has Dick Bass, up from Chattanooga with control; Ken Rafenberger, who won 15 and lost 15 for Rochester; Soup Campbell, a 19-year-old southpaw who won 15 for Moline of the Three Eye, including five shut-outs; Jake Moony, up from Syracuse with an earned run average of 2.83, and Clare Bernart, right-hander whose high career run average in Knoxville should not be held too strongly against him inasmuch as a park in which home runs are a dime a dozen.

Al Todd, obtained from Brooklyn, will divide the backstopping with Hartnett.

The Cubs are set at first base with Glen Russell, at second with the brilliant Billy Herman, and at third with Hack.

But Bobby Mattick, who finished the season at shortstop last year, is slow and played only fair ball, although he is a good hitter.

With Mattick considered the first string man, even the ancient and honorable Billy Rogell, obtained from Detroit for Dick Bartel has a chance, Bob Sturgeon, who hit .297 for Columbus, is only 19 and may be a year away.

Hartnett, Leiber, Galan and Bill Nicholson, and squatty Dominic Dallessandro, who batted a cool .368 and swatted in 98 runs for the San Diego Casters. Bernie Olsen, who batted .312 and drove in 90 runs for Moline, also is a candidate.

The club is attempting to dispose of Jim Gleason in a trade. The Andie Phil Cavarretta broke early last May had to be reoperated upon at the close of the season, making the Italian first baseman-outfielder a decided uncertainty.

Owner Phil Wrigley has promised to refer complaining players to Hartnett, something he didn't do when Larry French squawked to the front office last summer.

But Chicago demands a winner and so does Wrigley, and even though he is backed up by the owner it is with considerable regret that we predict plenty of trouble for Gabby Hartnett at Wrigley Field, where the manager works from week to week.

Easter Sale of Eggs, Potted Plants Here

St. Mark's Episcopal Auxiliary will sponsor an Easter sale of assorted potted plants, dyed Easter eggs and fancy-dressed Easter eggs, next Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at Hope Furniture company store.

Persons wishing to place advanced orders are urged to telephone Mrs. W. J. Jones or Mrs. Albert Graves.

Roosevelt Record--After Seven Years

UNEMPLOYMENT		PUBLIC RELIEF	
1933 13,500,000	1940 9,000,000	1933 \$1,358,158,000	1939 \$2,738,286,975
NATIONAL DEFENSE		GOVT. EMPLOYEES	
1933 \$642,872,027	1940 (Est.) \$1,359,488,088	1933 563,000	1940 933,000
NATIONAL DEBT		NATIONAL INCOME	
1933 \$22,538,672,164	1940 (Est.) \$45,222,346,000	1933 \$44,420,000,000	1940 (Est.) \$70,000,000,000

Here's a picture story of the Roosevelt record in six major divisions, showing how the situation today compares to that when he took office on March 4, 1933. Defense, debt and income figures are for fiscal year (ending June 30) totals.

Arctic Scene in Land of Windmills



Why Europeans call it "the coldest winter in 100 years" can be seen in this picture of gigantic flocks, piled pell-mell along the bank of the Waal River, Holland, forcing evacuation of the house in background. Such conditions have virtually paralyzed traffic on Dutch waterways.

Bright Star Goes Into Semi-Finals

1939 Champions Are Heading Toward Another Title

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—Bright Star the 1939 champions, led the way Friday night into the semi-finals of the high school division in the ninth annual state girls AAU basketball tournament with a top-heavy 72 to 16 victory over Lawson.

Union of El Dorado, which won its first round game with ease from Ward Friday, had a narrow escape Friday night when a powerful Strong aggregation battled all the way before Union emerged with a 30-23 decision.

Aplin, making its first appearance in the tournament, disposed of Clinton 47 to 12.

Chidester, Enola, Pleasant View, and Keiser joined Brightstar, Union and Aplin in the quarter finals later in the night.

In overtime games, Chidester eased out Turrell, 25 to 23, and Pleasant View eliminated Marion, 43 to 40. Enola ousted Cabot, 18 to 11, and Keiser trounced Mt. St. Mary's of Little Rock, 37 to 9.

Bright Star was never seriously extended as it defeated Oak 30-11 in the first round.

Other first round results were: Mt. St. Mary's 34, Union-Lonoke 18; Cabot 52, Hartman 20; Enola 46, Hattieville 18; Clinton 21, Dumas 19; Union-Eldorado 52, Ward 31; Pleasant View 30, Hermitage 29; Chidester 43, Willisville 42; Turrell 23, Farmington 20; Marion 17, Dover 13; Elm 22, Scott 27.

Big Store Figured in Bootleg Deal

NEW YORK—(AP)—The firm of R. H. Macy and company, New York's biggest department store, was described in federal court by George Dietrich-Musia as a "cover house" through which the late arch-swindler, F. Donald Coster-Musia, sold alcohol to bootleggers in the form of eau de quinine.

Dietrich-Musia testified as a government witness in the mail fraud trial of five men accused of guilty knowledge of the astonishing bookkeeping gymnastics through which Coster-Musia embellished the \$37,000,000 McKesson and Robbins Drug Corporation with about \$20,000,000 in fictitious assets.

His picture of the vast Macy store as a sort of middleman between Coster-Musia and various bootleggers of the pre-repeal era did not go back to Girard and company, a concern acquired by Coster-Musia when he was on the way up to eventual control of the far flung McKesson organization and shucking, in the meantime, his real identity as ex-convict Philip Musie.

At one point he agreed that a "good bootlegger" of an era now gone could "boil off" eau de quinine and lime vegetal "and sell it for some kind of Scotch."

First Woman Nobel Prize Winner Dead

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—(AP)—Selma Lagerlof, 81, Swedish novelist who in 1909 became the first woman to win the Nobel prize for literature, died at her home here Saturday.

Worry over the future of Sweden and Scandinavia in warring Europe, was said to have contributed to her illness and death.

May File for Wages

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Requirements which are similar in practically all liable states, the local Arkansas Employment Service offices take a work registration on the out-of-state claimant showing him to be unemployed, able to work and available for work in the community in which he now resides; such claimants are subject to call for work by employers in suitable employment.

"Amount of benefits paid to multi-state claimants are based on the Laws and Regulations of the state in which the wage credits were earned," Mr. Collins added. "Some of the state laws are similar to our and some vary widely. Florida's qualifying requirement, for example, is 60 times the weekly benefit amount earned within a four-quarter period; Arizona's is 14 times the weekly benefit amount earned within a three-quarter period; Arkansas' is 16 times the weekly benefit amount earned in a three-quarter period.

Any unemployed individual now residing in Arkansas who has reason to believe he is eligible for unemployment compensation benefits should visit his local Arkansas State Employment Service office where he can be registered for work and file a benefit claim against any state in which he has reason to believe that he has sufficient wage credits to entitle him to unemployment compensation benefits."

Tax Equalization

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erials and supplies, cash on hand or on deposit subject to order, time deposits, notes and accounts receivable, and prepayments.

Under "Liabilities," information is asked on: Capital stock (corporations); sole-proprietorship (individuals); partnership or firm capital; capital debt; federal, state and local tax liability; notes and accounts payable; and surpluses.

A snow shoveler turned back \$4 an \$11 check, saying he was overpaid. Municipal officials are trying to figure out how he sneaked into a city job.

Success Story

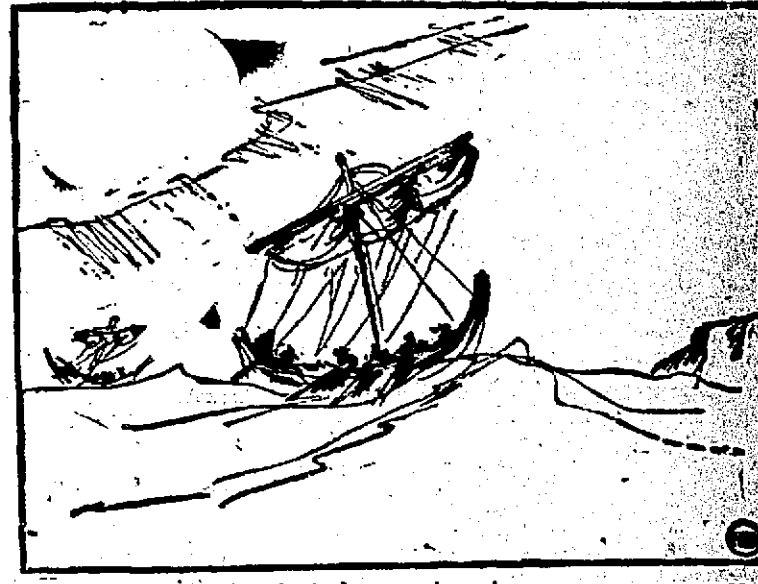


Harvard Lampoon editor Whitman Hobbs recently wrote a column in which he designated "Oomph Girl" Ann Sheridan as one "most likely to succeed." Ann's squelch: "I make \$100,000 a year. Harvard grads average \$8000 a year—after 25 years." But as suggested in the composite photo above, Hobbs, ignoring the cold shoulder Ann gave his bright ideas, carries on calmly during the tempest.

THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY

By Hendrik Willem van Loon
Illustrated by the author

Democratic Government in Ancient Athens
Suffered From Its Own Weakness, Too



Athens stood for the ideal of a state based on overseas commerce.

any sudden changes (since Nature with whom he deals all his life-long days is the Great Conservator) and the merchant and trader who must make quick and unexpected decisions.

NEXT: How the Athenian Democracy Perished Because of Bad Leadership.

Rural Housing

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ing authorities borrow the money at 2.75 per cent interest for a period of 60 years to pay 90 per cent of the construction cost. The remaining 10 per cent is to be provided locally.

Enactment of the pending Wagner-Stegall bill, officials said, would permit the program to be expanded to a \$200,000,000 endeavor.

Under the program, net construction cost per family dwelling unit is calculated to average \$1,932 and range from \$1,535 in Georgia to \$2,498 in Indiana. This cost includes the house, electrical wiring, a kitchen sink, outside sealed well and sanitary privy.

In each case, the local county housing authority is to erect a substantial house of simple design, consisting in most cases of a living room, dining space, kitchen and from three to five bedrooms.

Farm families will lease the houses from the county authority. Farm owners will be required to deed to the authority one acre of ground upon which each house is to be built.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN

North Main and W. Avenue B
John Keith Gregory, Minister
Bible school 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship service ("The Church of the Future") 11 o'clock.
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.

Evening Worship Service 7:30 o'clock.
Sermonette: "Looking Toward Easter."
Drama: "Three Who Found Easter."

THE HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
James E. Hamill

Sunday School—9:45.

Preaching Service at 11:00.
Sermon subject by pastor, "Building a house."

Christ's Ambassadors Union at 6:30.
Evangelistic Service at 7:30.
Sermon, "The tragedy of wasted opportunities."

You are a stranger only once at the Tabernacle.

Finland is none too happy over the peace agreement. It's bad enough having an ax over their heads without it being in Joe Stalin's hands.

Paul Dean Decides Not to Retire Now

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—(AP)—Paul Dean, the "daddy" of baseball's celebrated eccentric pitching combination, isn't going to retire this spring season, Bill Terry of the New York Giants announced.

"He told me," said Terry, "he had reconsidered his retirement announcement and was convinced he could still pitch winning ball. He expects to arrive Monday."

WE THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

A New Jersey girl—Grace Tainsh, once voted most beautiful co-ed at New York University—has the right of what to do about beauty and brains.

She made quick use of the beauty which was still at its best, posing for artists. And she used the money to educate her brains.

Now she has hung out her shingle as an attorney, and can make her brain work for her.

"That is a theory of brains and beauty that every young girl should use to her own advantage.

For no matter how lovely looking a young girl is, her looks are only a temporary gift. Every year detracts from their freshness.

So she should arrange her life so that her brains will start being her chief stock in trade—even before she needs to fall back on them.

The girl of 18 who finds life easy because she need only smile charmingly for what she wants, shouldn't believe that it will always be that way.

Without putting it off, she should start trying to make something of her self—to grow as a person. Whether or not it is possible for her to go to school, she should go on with her education.

She should learn while she is young how to make other people happy and satisfied and pleased with themselves, instead of expecting everyone cater to her.

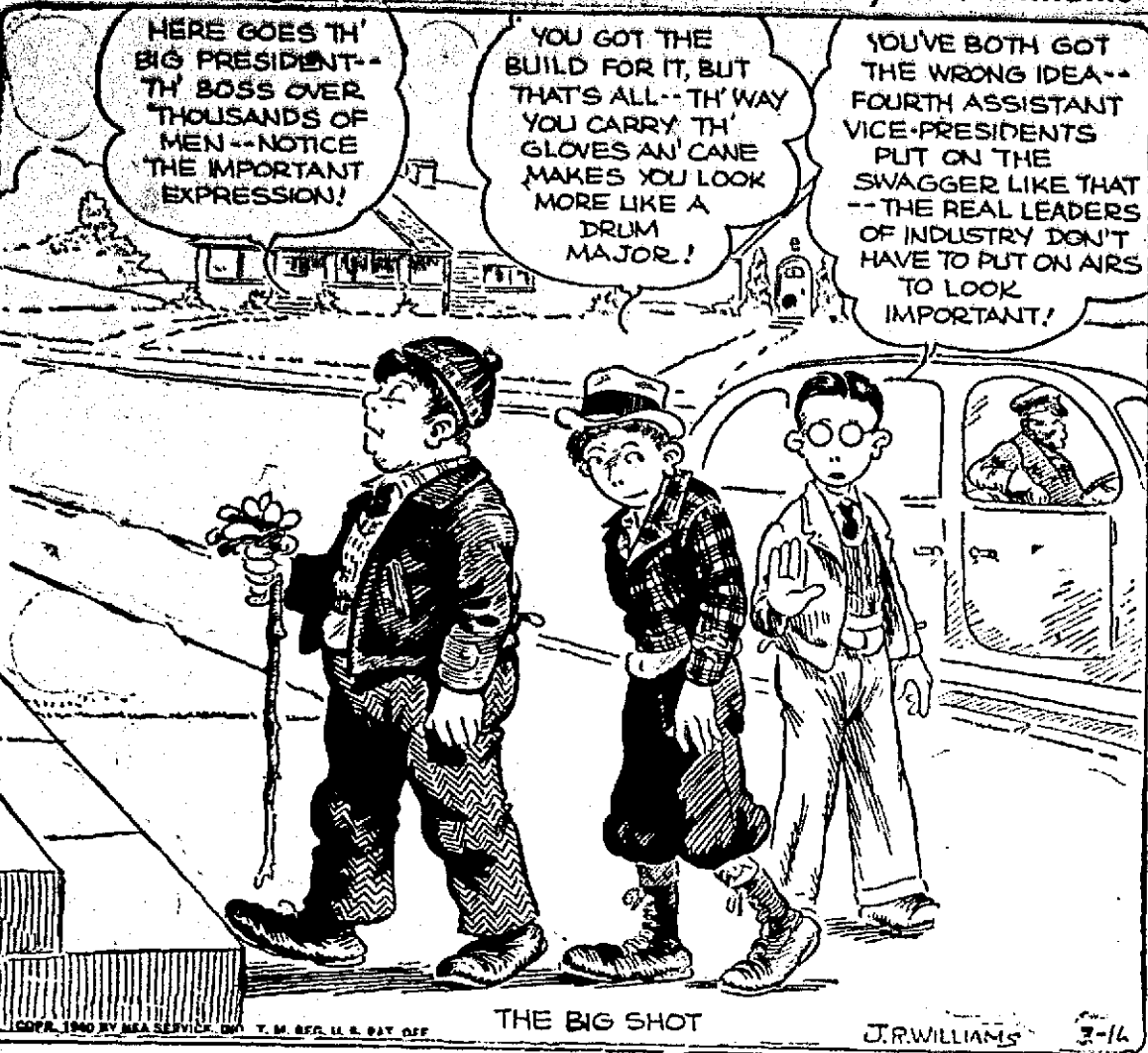
For once her young beauty is dimmed, all she will have left is what she has made of herself.

Her success with people will depend on what she knows about people and the world.

If she hasn't helped herself she'll be sorry. She'll be the kind of woman who suffers torture every time she finds a gray hair or a new wrinkle.

PEARISBURG, Va.—(AP)—In a spirit of levity preceding an election, eight citizens presented a petition to the Giles County Board of Supervisors requesting that the authorities "provide pads to cover the gnarled roots of the shade trees in the courthouse lawn," where the citizenry seeks shade in summer, and also to "provide pillows, with freshly laundered pillow cases, for those weary citizens who at times are unable to sit erect and must needs recline at full length."

OUT OUR WAY



Bruce Catton Says:

U. S. Beginning to Feel Effect of Trade Pickup

By BRUCE CATTON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON —The foreign trade boom, predicted ever since the outbreak of the war last September, is beginning to take hold.

United States exports today are running a rate fully \$300,000,000 a quarter above that for a year ago. On a volume basis, they are nearly as high as they were in 1929, although value basis is lower because of lower prices. Trade to Europe and to the Far East has picked up, and trade to South America has gone up even faster.

This boom did not really get going until the middle of December. Only a small part of it is due to orders of war materials as such—airplanes, chemicals, airplane gasoline, etc. Disappearance of German from much of the export market, and partial disappearance of Great Britain, are shifting to American exporters orders previously placed elsewhere.

Domestic Business Drops Backwards
Sharp as this rise has been, it has not offset the drop in industrial production due to fading of last fall's inventory boom. Index of industrial production shot up from 103 in August to 128 in December; it has fallen back to 105 as of today, and is expected by government statisticians to go a bit lower. Some of these are frankly pessimistic and look for a period of inventory liquidation in the spring; others believe that expanding export trade will "firm" price levels, prevent an inventory slash and pave the way for new business investment and a substantial upturn.

Non-Partisan Blue Surveys Unemployment
Interesting and possibly important development in Congress is the assembling of 50-odd congressmen of both parties to study the unemployment problem. The bill was started rolling by Jerry Voorhis of California, but the group isn't confined to the usual western left-wingers.

Two meetings have been held so far, and a dozen sub-committees have been named to study various aspects of the unemployment problem—practically everything from taxation on (or down) to technological change.

So far, Voorhis is serving as temporary chairman. As soon as organization is complete he will step out to make way for a permanent one. He is anxious not only to keep the move non-partisan (to date the group includes 18 Republicans) but to keep it from looking like a bloc formed to boost any one specific measure.

No Food Stamps for Low-Income Group
Contrary to reports, no expansion of the food stamp plan's application to low-income families is in sight now. Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been experimenting with the idea in one town in Oklahoma, distributing free stamps to all families whose gross income is under \$19.50 a week; but it hasn't studied the thing enough to have any idea what it proves.

What is expanding is use of the plan for relief families. FSCC officials say slightly over half a million people say the stamps in January; since they say, there are 20,000,000 people in families getting some form of public assistance, and hence eligible for stamp aid, they figure that field is plenty big enough.

RAISING A FAMILY

Draw the Line When Child Develops Into 'Alibi Ike'

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

"But, mother, I was only trying to get my turtle out of the fish bowl. I didn't mean to spill it all over your table."

"You're so full of excuses, Billy. I get pretty tired of excuses."

"But I'm just telling you, You said I could put my turtle in the bowl, and I was only trying to get him out again. He can't stand water all the time."

"I know, but just the same you always seem to have some good excuse. That's a bad habit to get into. The other day you took your father's putter to tie a flag to, after you broke the flag-stick, and then left it outside and somebody stole it."

"Well, but mother, daddy lets me use his putter sometimes to practice with. He says he wants me to be a good golfer some day. So I thought it was just about the same, using it the other way."

"The trouble with you is that you can think up such good reasons for everything, my dear. That's perfectly true about the club. But it is also true that you left it outside and forgot it."

"No, I didn't forget. I didn't think anyone would steal a golf stick with a flag on it."

"Well, why can't you just say some times, 'Yes I did it with my little hatchet?' And not try to crawl out by adding, 'I thought that tree was worrying you, father. So I was only trying to do you a favor?'"

Always Finds an Argument

"That's the way you figure, son. You make natural mistakes and no one blames you too much for that. The turtle was in the bowl and you had a right to get it out. But you could have taken the bowl to the kitchen when it was so full. Now I find my needle-point soaked. I'll never get my wool dried out."

"Once in a while it is carelessness and again it is a result of a wrong idea, when you get into trouble. But every time we make a mistake, and someone else pays for it, we can't square things by arguing ourselves out of it. I know you think you are justified in everything you do."

This is true. Many children overdo their explaining. They should be listened to, for an explanation must not be confused with an excuse, and that's only fair. But after all, responsibility is not learned that way. Billy's mother was right. The pat answer comes too easily, once learned.

MIND YOUR MANNERS

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Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Is it good manners to say "Thanking you in advance" in a letter?
2. Is it good manners to ask a friend where he bought a new garment?
3. Should one say "I enjoyed your sermon" to a minister?
4. Is it correct to present a woman to a priest?
5. If a wedding gift is not mailed until after the ceremony, should a note be written apologizing for its being late?
- What would you do if—
You are a young woman who has received a wedding invitation—
(a) Take a young man along with you?
(b) Do not ask anyone who has not been invited to go with you to the wedding?

Answers

1. No. You are then taking it for granted that your request will be granted. Say "I would appreciate very much."
2. No. It is in the same class with asking him how much he paid for it.
3. It is better to say, "You preached a splendid sermon!" for the minister isn't talking for your enjoyment.
4. Yes. This is one of the exceptions to the rule that the man is always presented to the woman.
5. Yes.

Best "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

HOLLY SPRINGS

Mrs. Dottie Slack spent Friday night, with Miss Lilton and her parents.

Little Larrie Franks is on the sick list this week.

Miss Marie Nell Butler spent the week end with Miss Dorothy Jean Waters, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle West and daughter Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Less Martin spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Easterling of Antioch.

Mrs. Helen and Selma Franks went to Prescott Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cross and family of Williams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Simpson.

Mrs. Robert Crank spent Sunday with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Rolying's Mr. and Mrs. Garland Braswell spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Silvey.

Fighting Face



If an army wanted to scare its foes to death, this weird mask might be a good start. It's new face protection for Swedish soldiers on duty in sub-Arctic districts.

Impressive Reply

There are only four principal characters in his "Sixteen Days." Leading figure is a German chemist, who falls in love with the wife of a German espionage agent. A wise old Jewish professor, exiled from Nazi-land, completes the quartet.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Intrigue Shadows Four Lives During Munich Conference

Sixteen days—what vast changes 361 hours can make in the lives of four persons in these times of war, poverty, politics and greed!

Hans Habe's novel, "Sixteen Days" (Harcourt, Brace; \$2.50), brings an insight into four lives, caught in a maelstrom of international conflict and intrigue. Hungarian Hube, whose father fought for Germany in the first World War, now fights for the allies on the Western Front, uses his novel to vent his spleen against the idealism of Hitler and the gullibility of the German people in following Der Fuehrer.

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\$15 A WEEK

By Louise Holmes

YESTERDAY: Steve makes a mistake at the dance but a pleasant surprise saves Ann from embarrassment. Paul gives Ann a favor, a tiny silver bracelet. After the dance they walk in the park. While Ann sleeps Paul kisses her lightly. Steve draws their hurry home and Ann remembers the dance and its glamor, but Paul.

CHAPTER XXI

ANN received orchids at the shop the following day. The satin box was tied with a wide ribbon. There was a note enclosed.

"I'm a little hazy about last night but, if my memory serves me at all, I again owe you an apology. Forgive me for behaving like a clown. Let the posies tell you that I mean it." The card was signed, "Steve."

He called at 5 o'clock, blithe as a spring breeze, cockily sure of himself. He invited Ann to go to the theater with him and, while she could see no harm in accepting, she hesitated. It would be fun to see a good play, but not so much fun to see it with Steve. Now if it were Paul who had the thought of Paul, she made up her mind. She declined and hurried on before he could argue.

He was not accustomed to feminine rebuffs. "Say—what's the matter with me? Am I poison or something?"

Ann could scarcely tell him that she was merely a new adventure to the bored Steve Claybourne, she could not explain that he only persisted in his attentions because she did not respond in kind, that he would not think of introducing her to his mother, that their paths were so widely separated that they could never meet. So she said the obvious thing.

"I don't go out with anyone but Paul."

That did it. He said, "Oh, I see."

She said, "Goodbye, Steve," and hung up the receiver.

THE weeks rolled on and Ann did not see Steve Claybourne again. She almost never thought of him. Her life with Paul worked itself into a pattern each Saturday night they came together at an inexpensive restaurant and went to a moving picture show. They were utterly companionable. The slightest show of sentimentality was studiously avoided.

Summer came with sizzling heat. Mrs. Follet's third floor was like a fiery furnace, the hot shop was little better. Ann grew thin, the roses left her cheeks. She and Paul sat on the bench in the park, occasionally they traveled across the city to the lake.

A burnished, hazy fall was banished by an early blizzard and winter was upon the city. Acrid

smoke hung in the heavy atmosphere, the gutters were slimed with dirty slush. Then Christmas lights turned the city into a neon fairyland.

Paul gave Ann a silver bangle for her bracelet as a Christmas gift. It was a quaint little bell and tinkled when she moved her hand.

With the coming of the New Year Ann fretted over the static, changeless quality of her life. With the exception of an occasional marriage among the girls whom she had come to know, there was not the slightest difference in her surroundings. Nedd and Teddy still chattered and danced their way through the days and nights. Florabelle appeared in stunning new outfits, was forever "going on a party." Clara could talk of nothing but a certain expressman who delivered goods to the store.

Ann's static mode of living might have gone on indefinitely except for two things. In the first place, she realized that another change in rooming houses was imminent. Clara's expressman was practically living in the apartment which the girls shared. He sprawled in one of the big chairs night after night, paying court to a most willing Clara. Ann knew that it was but a question of time until he would move in entirely, in which case, she must get out.

Secondly, spring rolled around again and Paul kissed Ann. That kiss, in the heady sweetness of spring, had a most unforeseen aftermath. Not yet had Ann admitted, even to herself, that her love for Paul had become a monstrous thing, too monstrous for any sort of peace of mind. She lay her unrest to the utter lack of progress in her ambitions.

ONE night she and Paul were sitting in the park. It was one of those humid evenings which sometimes come early in May. They were eating popcorn, each silently.

The bag was finally empty. Paul gave Ann his handkerchief and she wiped her hands.

"Paul," she said, "it's another year. We've been sitting on this bench and in the movies for a year."

"Yeah—I know. Last year I was making \$18. Now I've shot up to \$25. Soon I'll be hiring an investment broker to take charge of my surplus." He spoke bitterly.

"At least you've moved up a little," she said. "I'm just exactly where I was a year ago. Oh, Paul—I thought if a girl had am-

bition and was willing to work she could find a way."

He sighed. They were both in low spirits that night. Paul had come to realize that life without Ann would be as blank as a freshly plastered wall. He loved her, he wanted her, more than anything else he wanted to give her the beauty she craved. And there he was, helpless, shackled to a \$23 job.

Of course, there was a future to his job—bayer, department head, management of a store—but when—when? His soul cried out at the waiting. While he waited she would be lost to him.

"It's a rotten shame, Ann," he said, keeping his voice at a casual level. "Have you tried to get a better job?"

"Oh, yes." But her tone betrayed her discouragement. "I've tried everywhere. Fifteen a week is the best I can do. Fifteen a week," she cried furiously. "I hate the sound of it. A living wage, barely enough to keep soul and body together, no hope, nothing ahead." Her voice broke and she stopped. "Let me have your handkerchief again, Paul. I must have a little cold."

At last Ann said, "We'd better be going back. Another day is creeping up from China."

"Yes, another day and another month and another year. We'll be old, Ann, still fighting." Paul spoke savagely.

ANN slipped her hand into his. The two of them—hopeless. Suddenly she wanted Paul to take her in his arms. Suddenly she had an aching need of the comfort of his arms. His hand tightened on hers, he drew nearer on the bench.

"Ann," he said huskily, "I want to kiss you, but it's dangerous, dear. We promised to be friends and if I kiss you—I won't be your friend any more." He leaned toward her. She felt the muscles of his arm tighten.

"I don't care," she whispered. "Oh, darling," he put his arms around her and bent his lips to hers. The first kiss was tender, the second not so tender. It bruised her lips.

The big policeman, approaching along the path, turned quickly back. "That's better," he muttered. "That's more like it."

Ann did not see Paul for a week. During that week—lost in a racy daze, not looking forward, nor back. She knew now why little \$15 girls married their men, she knew that if Paul asked her—that was the catch—if Paul asked her—

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"I'll try to make it. Pretty busy—getting packed and everything."

"I suppose you are."

"Well—" He took a step away from her.

Ann bit her lip, hard. "Best of luck, Paul."

"Thank you. And you, Ann—things have got to break for you. You're the tops—you've got what it takes—the kind fates will catch up with you—I know they will."

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Ann went away, so depressed that she could scarcely drag herself up the El stairs. The next day passed with no good word but on Tuesday the load was lifted. Ann's prophesy had been well founded. Clancy's murderer was

apprehended and Florabelle came home. She was a chastened woman. When Mrs. Follet asked her to leave the respectable rooming house she hadn't a word to say. Three days later the girls heard that she had married the postman. Ann never saw her again.

WHILE all this was going on Ann had been thinking. Nothing was going to come her way unless she forced it to do so. Her mind darted up and down blind alleys. There seemed to be no way out. At last she came to a conclusion and talked the matter over with Clara.

"I can't go on like this forever," she said. "I absolutely refuse to make over hats all my life."

Clara was alarmed. "You'd better hang on to what you've got."

"I will—until I get what I want. Clara, I've put in my name at the agency."

"A lot of good that'll do you."

"—for a place as parlor maid or companion or something like that."

Clara was horrified. "You mean you want to be somebody's servant?"

"Call it that if you want to. I don't mean general housework. I want to live in a beautiful home and handle nice things even if they don't belong to me. I want to live like decent people."

"What's the matter with the way we live?"

"Nothing—but I want to try this. I can very likely make as much as I do now and have a room and board beside."

Clara said, "I think you're crazy."

"Maybe I am—maybe I can't get a job without references—just the same I'm going to try. I have to leave here—"

This brought Clara around to her own enthralling affairs and Ann's decision was forgotten. Ann left the rooming house on Friday.

The girls bade her farewell in the upper hall. Nedd and Teddy openly disapproved of her next step which had been duly reported to them by Clara. Myrtle cried, Clara was so taken up with her approaching marriage that she scarcely noticed Ann's going.

Ann wondered a little that two girls could live together, step in the same bed, eat at the same table, for a year and feel no real fondness, one for the other. It had been an economic arrangement, nothing more.

Carrying her suitcase and heavy paper bag, Ann walked down Mrs. Follet's stairs and straight into adventure, dangerous adventure.

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